

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 678

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A RESOLUTION to honor Mr. Tom Sutherland on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those citizens who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Tom Sutherland is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity and acuity for 16 years as chairman of the board of the Lakeway Center for the Handicapped in Morristown, an entity he also helped to form; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Illinois State University, Mr. Sutherland obtained his Master's Degree in Education from George Washington University while serving in the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, Tom served gallantly as a squadron leader in Naval Rescue, and at the height of World War II was shot down over the South Pacific; he survived the ordeal and returned home a true war hero; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Morristown from Illinois in 1968, Tom Sutherland was employed at Berkline Corporation in Industrial Relations; after retiring he began his exemplary career in community service that has spanned three remarkable decades; and

WHEREAS, perhaps his most notable accomplishment was the establishment of the Mitchell/Sutherland Group Home for developmentally delayed adults in the Morristown community; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Sutherland exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, he is an active and vital part of the community and his profession, contributing his time and immeasurable talents to such noteworthy organizations as the American Red Cross, the Boys and Girls Club, TEMA, the United Way, the Knights of Columbus, the Knights of Columbus Group Home, the Chamber of Commerce Veterans Committee, the Lions Club, Hamblen County Human Services, the Rose Center, Keep America Beautiful, and the ARC of Hamblen County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sutherland's adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; and

WHEREAS, it is not often that a man of Tom Sutherland's stature walks among us, and it is important that he should be honored for his lifetime of achievements and public service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Mr. Tom Sutherland of Morristown our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mr. Sutherland with this final clause omitted from such copy.